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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4067  
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S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 3153

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, ET  
SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF US MISSION IN ETHIOPIA

REF: A) STATE 105647, B) ABIDJAN 4764, C) ADDIS ABABA 3034

1. FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM COM CONFERENCE, I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS LOOSE ENDS RE REDUCTION OF US MISSION HERE WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND WITH AF/EX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRYZA. FOLLOWING ARE MY RECOMMENDATIONS SUPPLEMENTING THOSE ALREADY KNOWN TO DEPT (REFTELS B AND C):

A. ECONOMIC SECTION: IN INTERIM, SHINN ASSIGNMENT AS REPLACEMENT FOR WILSON HAS BEEN BROKEN. WITH BOTH WILSON AND DONNELLY SCHEDULED OUT THIS SUMMER, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DEPT FIND REPLACEMENT FOR WILSON AT FSO-4 LEVEL IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THE OFFICER CAN ARRIVE HERE BY THE END OF JULY. I DO NOT WISH DISTURB TIMING OF ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS WILSON AND DONNELLY, BUT WE MUST HAVE REPLACEMENT BEFORE BOTH LEAVE.

B. CONSULAR SECTION: STRUCK SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING HL. JENNINGS POSITION SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AND JENNINGS REASSIGNED INTO STRUCK POSITION.

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C. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: I STRONGLY RECOMMEND RETENTION OF RMO REED HERE FOR NUMBER OF REASONS INCLUDING EMBASSY MORALE, LACK OF ALTERNATE COMPETENT MEDICAL HELP, EXISTENCE OF WELL-EQUIPPED DISPENSARY AND CENTRAL NATURE OF ADDIS RELATIVE TO HIS REGIONAL POSTS. SINCE WE HAVE COMPETENT NURSING HELP AVAILABLE,

I WOULD AGREE TO TRANSFER OF NURSE POSITION AND INCUMBENT, ANN LASKARIS. I ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MARTY (GSO) POSITION NOT BE FILLED AND THAT LINEBURGER ASSIGNMENT BE BROKEN.

D. MARINES: I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MSG CONTINGENT SHOULD NOT BE CUT, BUT WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER COMPROMISE.

E. DAO: I UNDERSTAND DIA IS CONSIDERING TRANSFER OF DATT COL. KIRK. I DO NOT WISH TO STAND IN WAY OF MEANINGFUL ONWARD ASSIGNMENT FOR COL. KIRK, BUT I WOULD PREFER THAT HE BE ALLOWED COMPLETE HIS TOUR HERE. HIS TRANSFER WOULD DOWNGRADE DATT POSITION TO LEVEL LOWER THAN I THINK NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE AND PERHAPS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ASSIGN A DATT IN FUTURE AS OPPOSED TO AN ASSISTANT DATT. FURTHER, SINCE THIS POSITION WILL BE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE MILITARY POSITION WE HAVE LEFT AND EVENTS INVOLVING EPMG MILITARY AND MILITIA MAY BECOME INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MOST EXPERIENCED OFFICER WE HAVE REMAIN ON BOARD FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING PURPOSES, ADVICE TO ME, AND WHERE NECESSARY, FOR HANDLING RESIDUAL MAAG BUSINESS. I RECOGNIZE INVESTMENT MADE IN MAJOR HOSKINSON'S AMHARIC LANGUAGE, BUT BELIEVE THAT FOR ALL ABOVE REASONS, PRESENCE OF MORE SENIOR OFFICER IS PREFERABLE.

F. USAID: USAID IS SENDING SEPTEL WITH WHICH

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I CONCUR.

2. ALL OF THIS ASSUMES OF COURSE THAT CHOICE CONTINUE TO BE OURS TO MAKE. IF EPMG HAS DIFFERENT IDEAS, WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT SUCH TIME AS THEY TELL US WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND.

3. NET RESULT IS FOLLOWING STAFFING PATTERN:

STATE - 16

AID - 8

DAO - 2

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STATE PERSONNEL WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1 CHARGE - TIENKEN

1 SECRETARY - (CHARGE) - WOJAHN

1 POLITICAL COUNSELOR - MALIN

1 POLITICAL OFFICER - ROTH

1 SECRETARY (POL) - BOWERS

1 ECONOMIC OFFICER - UNKNOWN

1 SECRETARY (ECON) - KINSER  
1 CONSULAR OFFICER - JENNINGS  
1 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR (FIRST SECRETARY WHEN  
INCUMBENT REPLACED) - WALKER  
1 GSO - HOFFMAN  
1 RMO - REED  
3 C&R - DAY, CUMMING, BROWN  
1 PERSONNEL OFFICER - DOME.  
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